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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIROKI HIYAMA

Application No.: 09/291,006

Filed: April 14, 1999

For: SOLID-STATE IMAGE
SENSING APPARATUS AND
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth herein, prior to the further examination of the claims pursuant to the contemporaneously-filed Request for Continued Examination.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Va. 22313-1450 on April 15, 2004
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